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SUBJECT: ALLON'S BRUSSELS PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 9

SUMMARY: ISRAEL FOREIGN MINISTER ENDED HIS THREE-DAY VISIT
TO BRUSSELS WITH PRESS CONFERENCE,INCLUDING BOTH PREPARED
STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.FOLLOWING ARE HIGHPOINTS.
END SUMMARY.

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1.PREPARED STATEMENT - ALLON SAID ISRAEL IS READY AND WILLING
TO GO TO GENEVA FOR PEACE CONFERENCE WITHOUT DELAY."
UN RESOLUTION 338 SET PRECEDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION AND
PROCEDURE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.ISRAEL HOPES PEACE CONFERENCE
WOULD LEAD TO " PEACE AGREEMENTS AND NORMALIZATION OF
RELATIONS IN AREA," BUT A MINIMUM SHOULD LEAD TO

"CESSATION OF STATE OF WAR." THIS IS "NOW FEASIBLE"
IF REST OF THE WORLD " REFRAINS FROM CREATING DIFFICULTIES"
OR RAISING "UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS." ISRAEL HAS NO
PRE-CONDITIONS AND IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE PROVIDED
ISRAEL'S DEFENSE NEEDS ARE ADEQUATELY COVERED ON ALL
ISSUES,INCLUDING PALESTINIAN QUESTION.END HIGHLIGHTS
OF PREPARED STATEMENT.

2.EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE - IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION,ALLON
REPLIED THAT DIALOGUE WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED AS PURELY
ECONOMIC BUT ARABS WERE TRYING TO "LURE" EUROPEANS INTO
ACCEPTING IT AS "POLITICAL INSTRUMENT." HE HOPED
"EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES WILL BE WISE ENOUGH" TO AVOID THIS
"TRAP" AND KEEP DIALOGUE ON ECONOMIC TRACK.HE WARNED
THAT "EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE SHOLD NOT LEAD TO EXCLUSION OF
ISRAEL FROM PEACE-MAKING PROCESS."

3.AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT - ALLON SAID AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT WAS
DSIGNED TO PREVENT AFRICANS FROM IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL, " TO THEIR OWN DETRIMENT." ISRAEL CAN OFFER
AFRICANS " TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE,COOPERATON AND GOODWILL
WITHOUT STRINGS ATTACHED."

4. ARAB BOYCOTT - ALLON SAID CURRENT EC AGREEMENTS IN
MEDITERRANEAN AREA STRESS POINT OF NO DISCRIMINATION;
THEREFORE,NO LEGISLATIN MAY BE NEEDED IN EUROPE. EUROPE
"SHOULD NOT BOW BEFORE BLACKMAIL."

5.PEACE SETTLEMENT - HE SAID ISRAEL WOULD MAKE MORE
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CONCESSIONS IN AN OVERALL NORMALIZATION NEGOTIATION
THAN IN MERE NEGOTIATION OF CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES.
ISRAEL COULD NOT COMPROMISE ON SECURITY ISSUES,BUT " A
FORMULA IS POSSIBLE FOR PROVIDING SATISFACTION TO
ISRAEL'S POSITION,TO ARAB INTERESTS,AND THOSE OF
PALESTINIANS." OUTSIDERS SHOULD LEAVE FORMULATIONS
TO MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES THEMSELVES AND ISRAEL
REPRESENTS 50 PERCENT OF THE CONFLICT.A SOLUTION MAY
BE MORE EASILY REACHED THAN MANY BELIEVE.

6.PALESTINE AND PLO - ALLON SAID PALESTINIANS CURRENTLY
"CONTROL " MUCH OF HISTORICAL ISRAEL,WHICH INCLUDES
PART OF JORDAN.ON WEST BANK,WHOLE OF POPULATION IS
PALESTINIAN AND HAS BEEN ISSUED JORDANIAN PASSPORTS
ISRAEL HAS "NO OBJECTION" TO JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO
PEACE CONFERENCE WHICH INCLUDES " GOOD NUMBER " OF
PALESTINIANS " FROM THE WEST BANK." THE PLO CANNOT BE
ACCEPTED BECAUSE IT IS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS
AND ITS PROGRAM INCLUDES TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AND CALLS

FOR ANNIHILATION OF ISRAEL." WHILE WE ARE PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DEFENDING OURSELVES, THERE IS NO REASON TO NEGOTIATE WITH PEOPLE WHOSE FULL DESIRE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF MY STATE." ASKED ABOUT RECENT PRIVATE PLO-ISRAELI TALKS IN PARIS, ALLON ANSWERED THAT ISRAELI PARTICIPANTS WERE "NOT REPRESENTATIVES OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT" AND TALKS HAD NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR EITHER ISRAEL OR PLO.

7. JERUSALEM - ALLON SAID ISRAEL SHARES LEGITIMATE RELIGIOUS INTERESTS VESTED IN JERUSALEM. IT IS POSSIBLE TO GRANT RELIGIOUS REPRESENTATIVES A SPECIAL STATUS THERE BUT POLITICAL PARTITION OF THE CAPITAL IS "IMPOSSIBLE." " IF YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT A PARTITIONED CAPITAL IS, GO AND LOOK AT BERLIN."

8. UN OR US ROLE? ALLON SAID ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WOULD "VERY CORDIALLY RECEIVE " WALDHEIM VISIT BUT, GIVEN TERMS UNCLASSIFIED

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OF REFERENCE HE CARRIES FROM UNGA, CANNOT ACCEPT UNITED NATIONS AS PEACE-MAKING ORGANIZATION. THREE INTERIM MIDDLE-EASTERN AGREEMENTS CURRENTLY IN FORCE WERE DIRECT RESULT OF U.S. MEDIATION IN CONFORMITY WITH UN RESOLUTION 338. HE NOTED IN THAT CONTEXT THAT SECRETARY VANCE WAS ABOUT TO VISIT AREA.

9. RELATIONS WITH EUROPE - ALLON SAID ISRAEL RECOGNIZES THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY HAS MADE "MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION" TO BETTER COOPERATION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS BY CONCLUDING IDENTICAL AGREEMENTS WITH BOTH SIDES, TO HAVE PUT BOTH SIDES ON " EQUAL FOOTING." EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE VOTED RECENTLY FOR COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE UN RESOLUTIONS; THEY SHOULD " LEAVE US TO NEGOTIATE ALONE."

10. RELATIONS WITH FRANCE - ALLON SAID ABU DAOUD INCIDENT CANNOT BE REPEALED. THAT "SAD EPISODE" WAS CONTRARY TO SPIRIT AND LETTER OF EXTRADITION CONVENTION WHICH WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL. ISRAEL HAS SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ISRAELI-FRENCH TEAM TO STUDY CONVENTION TO AVOID REPETITION. ISRAEL WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH FRENCH GOVERNMENT, AND MEETING WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HOPEFULLY IMPROVE RELATIONS. " WE WOULD EXPECT NEW SIGNS OF GOODWILL."

11. LEBANON - ALLON SAID THERE WAS NO TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND LEBANON, AND ISRAEL HAS NOT INTERVENED IN LEBANON'S " TRAGIC CRISIS." THERE EXISTS SECURITY ASPECT TO DEPLOYMENT OF INTER-ARAB FORCE THERE. ISRAEL WAS ENDEAVORING THROUGH DIPLOMATIC MEANS, " WHICH I HOPE PROVE SUCCESSFUL, " TO HAVE INTER-ARAB FORCE STOCK TO

PURPOSE OF ITS PRESENCE IN LEBANON AND NOT OCCUPY SOUTHERN
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